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Fall fun at the Hill
Sir Sam's Ski and Ride hosted their annual Fall Festival over Thanksgiving weekend, where visitors flocked to the ski hill to roll pumpkins, listen to live music, and play games. Pictured, Sir Sam's general manager Dave Bishop prepares for the pumpkin roll down the hill. /TIM YANO staff photographer

Proposed plans unveiled for Highlands East municipal building

ADAM FRISK
Journalist

Members of council got a glimpse of proposed schematics for the new Highlands East municipal building.

The architectural design by Bell + Associates Architecture was presented during the regular council meeting on Oct. 14.

The proposed site plan for the municipal building features a large, rectangular main structure with a substantial parking area on two sides of the building and a dedicated fire lane that wraps around the north and west sides of the building.

The total proposed area for the building is 12,600 square feet and features 27 offices for staff and council members, a staff launch room complete with a covered patio, and a second uncovered patio.

A large council chamber that can host 36 members of the public, private meeting rooms, and a large foyer, among other amenities, all on a single floor layout.

There was some concern among council members about the layout of the proposed council chambers, mainly the distance between the public seating and the council table. Jim Bell, who presented the proposed schematics, estimated there's about 10 feet of space between the public seating and the council table.

"That seems fairly close, I think is the concern," Mayor Dave Burton said.

"I have a tendency to agree because the world we live in today, if someone were to become irate and want to move, they could move pretty fast," Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall said. "At the end of the day, council would be at the mercy of whoever came through. Now that sounds like a very pessimistic and terrible way to talk but we are in that world today."

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County Housing Summit showcases what's possible

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Contributor

Newfound ideas, connections, and appreciation for the collective work of the community were generated by an audience of 59 people eager to build on momentum around housing solutions at the Haliburton County Housing Summit on Oct. 16 at the Minden Hills Community Centre.

The purpose of the summit - organized by Places for People - was to celebrate how Haliburton County is making progress in creating the housing that people who live and work here need, and hear about ideas that are working in other communities.

Minden Hills Mayor Bob Carter, Highlands East Deputy Mayor Cecil Ryall, and several local councillors and planners attended. Places for People vice-president Fay Martin read a message from Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott expressing appreciation for the attendees and for the tangible work that Places for People has accomplished.

Martin said that the local non-profit charity "creates and manages land resources that are affordable to people. We also do our best to create the conditions under which people thrive. People feel very much a part of this community."

"But also, we make progress by encouraging the rest of you to do what you can do."

Keynote speaker Dr. Brian Doucet, professor in the School of Planning at the University of Waterloo, opened the day with a presentation on transformative non-market housing policies, programs and projects happening across Canada.

Doucet built on his film screening from the previous evening, *Thinking Beyond the Market,* explaining in deeper detail the contemporary housing landscape in Canada. He focused on innovative housing solutions in Kitchener and Whistler, and success stories resulting from strong tenant protections and rent control in communities in British Columbia and PEI.

Doucet said that most new housing continues to be built on what's profitable rather what's needed to house our population. He emphasized that traditional market-based solutions, such as increasing market-based density and opening up more land for rural development will not solve the housing crisis.

"The crux of the housing problem is that housing is both a human right and a commodity on which to make money. Simply put, it cannot succeed at both. It cannot be shelter for all and a lucrative source of wealth for some," he said.

Doucet said that the biggest source of population growth in places like Brampton and Waterloo has been intra-provincial migration – people moving from larger regions to mid-size cities and rural areas in search of cheaper housing. These communities also experience rising prices as a result of the ripple effect of demand-driven migration.

Doucet pointed to research showing that if the market was going to restore affordability on its own by about 2035, it would require double the amount of housing per year that's ever been built in any year in Canada's history.

"It's not just a question of how much supply," said Doucet. "We have to ask, supply for whom? Where? What kind of housing, and what to build first."

Doucet said just 3.5 per cent of Canada's housing stock is non-market housing – an umbrella term that includes housing protected from market forces – or about 650,000 homes.

Moreover, any unit in Ontario first occupied after Nov. 15, 2018 is no longer subject to rent control. There is also no rent control on vacant units, meaning that building new market-based housing to filter down rarely works out in practice.

Doucet claimed there is a strong need for investment in non-market housing and that there is a lot of scope for creativity and variation.

He offered the example of the city of Kitchener entering into a long-term lease agreement with the YWCA of Kitchener-Waterloo for a vacant piece of land the city owned. The YWCA then obtained rapid housing financing from the federal government and built two buildings that now house more than 40 women who were previously homeless. This was only possible through engaging with the city's affordable housing strategy that meaningfully incorporated a range of perspectives, ideas and lived experience.

"Who is part of the conversation and what experience they bring is so essential to changing housing," said Doucet.

He described the example of Whistler Housing Authority (WHA), where rent is set at a third of tenants' income. Prices on units for sale are set by WHA and rise on the consumer price index. The WHA has housed 75 percent of the workforce within Whistler for more than ten years through these key policies and supports.

Doucet also presented on an Indigenous-led housing project in Vancouver on the Jericho Lands, where it was mandated that 20 per cent of new projects include social housing, as well as a rental use zoning policy in Burnaby allowing the city to zone for rental only and prescribe measures for tenant assistance.

He touched on unit-based rent control in PEI, saying it's the only province in the country that has unit-based rent control, meaning rent increases are limited even when a new tenant moves in.

Doucet challenged rural communities with small budgets to be proactive and do things that the market is unable or unwilling to build.

"Every community has land … even doing something a little bit different can lead to different outcomes," he said.

"This is not rocket science; this is not a 'solve for x'. Talk to housing researchers – we can tell you what needs to be done. Regulate rent, curb speculation, build non-market housing en masse," he concluded.

"Maybe the solutions to the housing crisis are already happening, but hidden in plain sight."

'What Doesn't Stop You (Makes You Strong)'

A panel featuring seven individuals spoke passionately in turn about successful local projects and how they pushed through challenges by identifying local expertise, embracing perseverance, and celebrating small successes.

Minden Mayor Bob Carter, who is on the boards of Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation (KLHHC) and Habitat for Humanity Peterborough & Kawartha Region, spoke of his journey with the Gull River Housing project, a new public housing development planned on Highway 35 by the Minden Legion. The land was gifted from Bill Switzer, a long-term community cottager, and KLHHC received $2.4 million in provincial funding for the project.

"Land has a past; it comes with its own baggage," said Carter. "You meet planners, professional staff and politicians, and everybody has an opinion …but what's the objective? They say perfect is the enemy of the good. We have a piece of land and we're trying to build housing, so we need to work with what we've got."

Carter spoke of the journey to complete geotechnical studies, consult with architects, seek entrance approvals from the Ministry of Transportation, then grapple with the increase in price of materials and labour during the COVID-19 pandemic, and finally secure the needed financial contributions.

"The lesson is, it takes a lot of people with a lot of dedication over a long period of time and a boatload of stubbornness to build affordable housing," he said.

Xavier Masse, dean of Fleming College – Haliburton College of Art and Design spoke of the new 47 bed, 26-unit residence built while classes were in session, and the importance of communication at all levels and the willingness to be agile and flexible. He reported that the residence is changing the DNA of life on campus and creating a micro-community.

Richard Carson, president of Hot Ponds Enterprises Corporation, Bob Walker, project manager, Longview Services Inc., Gary Dyke, CAO, County of Haliburton, Trevor Chaulk, president of Chaulk Woodworking, and Susan Zambonin, CEO, Habitat for Humanity Peterborough & Kawartha Region rounded out the panel. Themes emerged about the importance of understanding stakeholders and their needs, agreeing on the scope of the work, and how to find creative ways to manage ongoing operations.

'Reaching Out and Raising Up'

A post-lunch panel convened seven more panelists representing local agencies to discuss how Haliburton County is meeting the challenge of patching siloed services together to meet residents' holistic needs. The conversation helped raise awareness of how field-level outreach services must synthesize their resources to serve the community, including creating new physical spaces and social enterprises.

Chris Parish, commander at the Haliburton County Community Paramedics, spoke of the Haliburton Community Paramedic program and the goal to keep people safe at home for as long as they can and to reduce the amount of 911 calls and

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To rake or not to rake?

ADAM FRISK

Journalist

About this time every year, as trees drop their golden and crimson leaves, property owners are faced with the annual dilemma: to rake or not to rake?

While many vie for a tidy, leaf-free lawn, one local environmental expert said that this fixation on "cleanliness" may be costing our local ecosystem.

"It is a question that seems to be becoming more and more common," Rick Whitteker, outdoor educator and Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's partners in conservation co-ordinator, said in a recent telephone interview. "At least people are thinking about it because leaves, they got this unfortunate term as leaf litter, which gives people a sense that leaves are like a coffee cup or something tossed on the ground.

"But leaves are super important for the, not just the soil health because they're kind of nature's fertilizer, but also just as habitat for a lot of little critters," he said.

For many insects vital to our environment, fallen leaves are more than just insulation; they are a life-saving home. This habitat protection is crucial, especially during the cold winter months.

Whitteker pointed to the firefly and how many people lament the decline of fireflies, but their absence may be directly related to yard care habits.

"They live most of their life in the larval stage," he explained. "Most of the time, they're living under the leaf litter. But, since we put so much lawn grass out there and we bag our leaves and take it to the dump, those are examples of ways that fireflies are being decimated.

"They need that leaf litter," Whitteker said.

The expert also noted that the foliage is critical for pollinators. Most bumblebee queens, for instance, survive the winter dormant underneath a protective layer of leaves.

"The queen survives the winter underneath leaf litter and then comes up and starts a new colony, which could be up to 300 bumblebees," he said. "If we continuously take up all our leaves and break up even underneath our shrubs and the edges of forest, then we're taking that habitat away from bumblebees and other insects that are of value to us, they provide an ecological service."

The motivation to maintain a grassy area is understandable, but the key is to avoid getting rid of the leaves completely, Whitteker said. He suggested never bag leaves and send them to the landfill, where they often decompose without proper composting, releasing methane and contributing to climate change.

Instead, residents should find ways to integrate them back into the yard's natural areas.

"What I would encourage people to do is not to bag those leaves, but to just leave those leaves wherever they can naturally decompose," he said, adding that this includes under all shrubs, trees, and in flower or vegetable gardens.

Using a lawnmower to mulch the leaves and leaving the smaller pieces directly on the grass is also a good method because it allows foliage to decompose quickly, feeding the lawn without smothering it.

The outdoor educator explained that nature is inherently a little messy, and

people should embrace that concept in landscaping.

"This is the problem as we get so fixated on cleanliness and the visual appeal of it," Whitteker said. "We have to get over that because nature is not tidy and is a bit messy at times."

Community dedicated to housing support initiatives

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people landing in emergency. Const. Joel Imbeau of the Haliburton Highlands OPP, Mobile Crisis Response Team discussed the growing need to get social work into policing and the OPP partnership with CMHA to attend active crisis calls in an attempt to de-escalate individuals.

"[W]e are now putting the stance that we're going to be proactive, and get ahead of these calls," said Imbeau.

Donna Matthews, member of the Eagle Lake Community Church and president of the Eagle Lake Women's Society, spoke of her chance involvement with volunteer outreach in Haliburton. After speaking to someone over coffee about the needs of some local residents, she and some women from the church decided to start collecting and providing clothing, paper bag lunches, coffee and treats every Thursday morning on Highland Street from the trunk of Matthews' car. Starting in November they will be offering stew on Tuesdays as well.

"The best part that's working is they come to us," she said. "They're an integral part of our community, and they're not alone."

But she said there were challenges of doing this in the wintertime, and that Haliburton needs a warming space. "Last winter was so cold, we worked outside my car with no warming area and no washroom facilities, so that's not working. With the cold there is little or no time for them to chat and sometimes they won't even come up," she said.

David Barkley, team lead for Coming Full Circle, a local project partnering with CMHA HKPR, Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, and the Haliburton County Connections Committee, described a new peer support based program focused on substance use, addictions and mental health. The program is staffed entirely by seven peer workers, who Barkley described as "people who know what it's like."

"Lived experience is lived expertise," said Barkley. "Our program is there for people to come in and connect with someone who has been through a difficult experience."

There are currently drop-in spaces in both Haliburton and Minden and one coming soon in Wilberforce. Anyone can drop in, and referrals are not necessary.

Barkley said he has had people drop in on fellow panelist Matthews' recommendation.

Sue Tiffin, director of community outreach, County of Haliburton, spoke about the purpose of the County's Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan. These multi-sectoral plans are now mandated by the province for each municipality, though there was no additional funding allocated to any of the work by the province.

Tiffin said they try to work similar to the way Const. Imbeau discussed – with a more proactive, holistic approach to community safety, focusing on upstream approaches and supporting people before they are in crisis. She highlighted the Community Mobile Outreach initiative, which has expanded since it's inception in 2023. The initiative is a collaboration of multi-disciplinary service providers bringing services, information, support, and snacks to community residents in multiple locations throughout the county.

Tiffin said they have attracted other service providers and have formalized the planning group into a working group to support other community initiatives, and are looking at indoor spaces for the winter months.

"I'm very, very proud of the Community Mobile Outreach initiative," said Tiffin. "This level of collaboration doesn't exist everywhere, and we are a better community because we have it here."

Panelist Christina Alden, Literacy and Basic Skills Facilitator at the John Howard Society of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton, also spoke about her work both at Minden office and her outreach in the community, including naloxone training and obtaining identification for those who need it. She highlighted the need for a dedicated space in each community to help residents meet their basic needs. Brenda Manser from Haliburton Highlands Health Services spoke of her experience with meeting people where they are at and supporting unhoused people through the Housing First model in partnership with KLHHC.

Joe and Stephanie Mancini, the Working Centre

The event ended with a closing presentation from entrepreneur Joe Mancini from the Working Centre in Kitchener-Waterloo. Established in 1982 by Joe and Stephanie Mancini as a response to unemployment and poverty in downtown Kitchener, the non-profit centre now serves more than 1,000 people daily through a network of supports including housing units, emergency shelters, dental supports, cafes, an employment centre and community kitchens.

Mancini described the centre as a village like Haliburton that works with all the groups in Kitchener-Waterloo. 14 buildings have been purchased and renovated over the years and the centre is backed by 400 volunteers. Projects, staff and volunteers work together in an interconnected village of supports.

Mancini said homelessness is rising in the area. 2,300 individuals were counted last year in Kitchener-Waterloo that were either homeless, in the shelter system or couch surfing. According to a recent survey, 450 people within the centre were living rough in downtown Kitchener.

"That's more than what St John's kitchen was serving in 1985," he said.

Mancini said their model was a unique way of doing things. They would buy buildings that people did not want, and renovate them through their own fundraising. They maximized public benefit, respected the heritage of buildings, and improved energy efficiency.

An expansive new project recently completed in fall 2025 includes building 44 units of supported housing, a new community kitchen, community courtyard, hospitality house, integrated medical clinic, and shower and washrooms.

He said their quarterly newsletter and social enterprises like the bike shop and cafés help fuel the Working Centre.

"People want to be part of it," said Mancini. "People like to see their community enterprises be productive. That gets to our name, the 'Working Centre'. People like to work."

Martin thanked the audience for attending; Places for People, who she said have trebled the number of units in the past three years, all on volunteer labour; the day's feature and panel presenters; Minden Hills Township for donating the space; Haliburton Highlands Secondary School hospitality students and their teacher Darla Searle for providing lunch; and the County of Haliburton and Minden Rotary for their funding support.

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Sir Sam's enters the next era of modernization

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

With every ending, there comes a new beginning.

That's the optimistic attitude Dave Bishop, general manager of Eagle Lake's Sir Sam's Ski and Ride, is taking into the winter season.

Last week, plans moved ahead with decommissioning two legacy lifts: the Red Rocket , circa 1971, and Eagle View, circa 1982.

"We've got years of history coming down today," said Bishop, as he watched the bulldozer tackle the top of the hill. "It's a little bittersweet, but we're looking at the future of Sir Sam's."

The removal of the lifts is a part of the organization's dedication to modernizing the facility. Founded by Bob and Noreen Bishop, the space was created to showcase Haliburton as a winter getaway, while also driving economic growth in the region in 1965.

It's only grown since then, and has been through numerous owners and variations over the years.

Recently, the organization found its footing in the form of a shareholder group, with a dedicated board of directors. Within that group, a sub-committee focused on modernization has been struck. "They're an amazing group of people," said Bishop, who is entering his second season as GM. "We're working on building the bridge between the past and the future."

"The new shareholder group and the board of directors are very excited about the future of Sir Sam's, and are proud of the improvements implemented by Dave Bishop and his team to date," said Mike Greenley, chairman of the board of directors, in a recent press release.

"It is encouraging to see improvements to food service, and the modernization of snow making, followed by lift enhancements, now leading to new large projects like chair lift replacement, ensuring a positive and safe ski experience while maintaining hill capacity throughout."

While the lifts will not be replaced this season, the process is well underway. Bishop is seeking quotes from providers across Canada, and is aware that the cost could hover between $3.5 to four million.

But with the knowledge that they will be down a lift for the coming season, Bishop and his team have put a particular focus on maintaining the existing frameworks. One lift will remain in place, with the top portion of the tunnel being replaced earlier in the season. While the tunnel differs from a traditional chairlift, Bishop noted that it can still move 14,000 skiers an hour, if needed.

The tunnel at Sir Sam's was available for all to check out during their annual Fall Festival, held over Thanksgiving weekend. Recently, the general manager of the facility, Dave Bishop, noted that the upper portion of the tunnel has been fixed, getting it ready for the winter months ahead. /TIM YANO staff photographer

While concern has been raised around line times to get to the top of the hill, Bishop said that he believes it won't impact the overall experience, as wait times may only increase ever so slightly.

The real challenge is keeping up with the highs and lows of winter weather. It's no secret that the season has become increasingly unpredictable. But Bishop is ready for all the plot twists Mother Nature may throw their way. With 11 snow guns ready to roll, capable of making 550 gallons of snow per minute, the Hill will take a matter of hours to fill. "We have that capacity," said Bishop. "Once we have a few days of minus 10, when we say go, we go."

Right now, Bishop is aiming for a mid-December opening, with the intent of maximizing the season right up to spring. They are hopeful for cold conditions, to support their snow making capabilities.

And while this season may look different with the heritage lifts no longer running, Bishop remains optimistic about the next steps. "There's a little sadness with the changes, for sure," he said. "But the future is extremely bright. I'm really excited."

Left, the lookout at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride was ready to welcome visitors to check out the fall colours last weekend. Above, visitors prepare for the pumpkin roll down the hill. The Fall Festival is one way that the new shareholders of the organization are dedicated to showcasing all the venue has to offer. /TIM YANO staff photographer

College strike comes to a halt

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Editor

After nearly five weeks of being on strike, Ontario full-time support staff have reached a tentative agreement to move forward.

On Oct. 15, it was announced that picket lines will come down, and details around the tentative agreement will be rolled out to members gradually.

"After months of intensive negotiations with an incredibly difficult employer, the gains made in this agreement would not have been possible without members holding strong these last weeks," said Christine Kelsey, chair of the union's bargaining team. "We had no choice but to fight back amidst a plan to privatize public education, as well as 10,000 job losses and over 650 program cuts across the system."

The strike was implemented in an effort to reach an agreement between the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) - a labour union that represents over 180,000 workers in Ontario, including those in the public service, public colleges, and various public services like hospitals and medical labs - and the College Employer Council (CEC).

With 10,000 striking employees, including support staff from Haliburton's own Fleming College as well as Fleming CREW and academic upgrading programming staff, the ongoing conflict impacted students across the province.

The involved parties took to the table for a mediation session over the Thanksgiving weekend, which resulted in both parties walking away with a tentative agreement in place. Led by mediator William Kaplan, the announcement was made Tuesday morning that the strike would be winding down.

"The past five weeks of the strike have been challenging for everyone involved," said Graham Lloyd, CEO of CEC. "We appreciate the persistence of the bargaining teams on both sides, and the guidance of Mediator Kaplan, to reach this agreement."

The core of the strike revolved around Premier Doug Ford's budget cuts, which OPSEU believes were made with the intent of privatizing provincial colleges. "Full-time college support staff took on a tremendous fight, and I'm incredibly proud of our members for getting us to this moment," said JP Hornick, President of OPSEU in an official online statement. "Now, we need to keep building on that momentum and show Ontario what is possible when working people stand together."

OPSEU hopes that their resilience and dedication to the strike efforts will allow their presence to continue in community talks. "We've won more than a contract," said Kelsey in their public OPSEU statement. "After being out in our communities, day after day, the public now understands that our college system is being deliberately defunded as part of the collateral of Ford's devastating privatization agenda."

Soccer stars

J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School faced off against Archie Stouffer Elementary School this past week in Minden. The annual meet-up prepares the rising soccer stars for a larger tournament against neighbouring schools in their district, which is set for this coming week. /Adam Frisk staff photographer

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Shed a tier

HIGHLANDS EAST council took the time this past week to discuss the potential development of a new council meeting space.

And while they tossed around the idea, nothing was set in stone in terms of timelines, details, or cost.

So it will likely be a ways down the road, if ever.

But it got the wheels turning for me. It wasn't that long ago that county council sat around a table, and debated the need for a new meeting space for the upper-tier representatives.

After extensive back and forth, it was agreed upon that they would move forward with the development of a new space for the municipal reps. And I was on board for the expansion of staff working spaces, but the concept of yet another meeting space for county councillors just didn't sit right.

Editorial

Emily Stonehouse

The way our county is carved up allows each municipality to have a designated space for councillors to meet. And yes, these spaces are open to the public during council meetings. But they also offer venues to the community while wearing other hats. Algonquin Highlands and Dysart share their venues as conference rooms or meeting spaces, Highlands East doubles as their local theatre and community gathering hall, and Minden opens its doors as a court house when needed.

They are community hubs. They carry the energy and the vibrancy of the needs of the communities they were built to represent, as the pulse of the population flows through their doors.

And I think that's exactly the way a municipal government should operate.

It should be a place with open doors, with seats for all, with multi-purpose thinking and perhaps unconventional usage.

So why do we need new council chambers, if each municipality already has one?

While many laugh at the arbitrary lines that have been carved by our ancestors between communities, we all know that they're still there. We use services and stores across the boundaries, but deep down, we know that competition exists between north, south, east, and west.

The representatives established to burn those bridges and blur those boundaries, are our county councillors. What better way to cross the lines than to have county council shift locations for each meeting? Taking time in each municipal council chamber? Feeling the energy, the pulse, the warmth and challenges and culture of each community in their own pride and joy, their own facility.

When the Haliburton Highlands Healthy Democracy Project first formed, they were finding their footing for their priorities, but they knew one thing: they would do four presentations, and would host in each municipality once. That wasn't a question. Wasn't up for debate. Each lower-tier needed a chance to showcase on home ice, allowing everyone to feel the pulse of the population.

Council chambers are the core of the community; with the many arteries weaving and winding towards the decisions made there. And while there is value in allowing upgrades and growth, if we are going to continue with a multi-tiered system of governance, each heartbeat in the Haliburton Highlands deserves to be heard.

All together now!

Pair, Ponder

Poke, Peel

Fay Martin

KARL MARX'S description of the final stage of capitalism sounds pretty familiar: the emergence of monopolies, imperialism marked by geo-political conflict, exploitation of labour including off-shoring of production, increasing economic inequity, and a tendency to crisis as the unchecked concentration of wealth becomes unsustainable. He predicted that the next phase of social organization was communism. I prefer to explore the alternatives.

The thing about capitalism and communism is that they don't value people except as a means to achieving its goal of untrammelled growth and profit. So an alternative, it seems to me, is something that values labourers as something more than the work they do. The recent emergence of work-life balance as a labour issue – the push-back to returning to offices, the right to unplug – suggests this might be on more minds than mine. Professionals in regulated businesses are concerned they must seek permission for activities in their private lives lest they tarnish the corporate brand: if everything about them belongs to the corporation, what are they but indentured slaves?

So what's the way around or through all this? Traditionally, the answer has been social democracy, which I understand to be people working together to accomplish a shared goal. Of course a measure of organization is involved, but somehow we have been led to believe that the spectrum is between anarchy on one end – everyone enacting their own version of what ought to be done, no established leadership (the most recent iteration is probably the Occupation movement following the economic crash of 2008) – to totalitarian rule on the other (the most recent iteration is quite possibly unfolding to our south).

But before the Industrial Revolution introduced capitalism, there were other ways of taking collective action. In Anglo-Saxon history, it was The Commons. (I believe many Indigenous cultures were rooted in this approach, but I don't know enough to go there.) This is how Wikipedia describes The Commons: "…a social practice of governing a resource not by state or market but by a community of users that self-governs the resource through institutions that it creates." The visible manifestation was The Commons, a space available for activities that were in the mutual interest ('the common good'). When the Industrial Revolution needed to chase people into urban centres to work in factories, Enclosure happened: The Commons were made private property, which undermined the feasibility of the culture and the rural economy and did, indeed, transform people into workers, urban and rural, who fed the machine that made owners rich.

The construct has also become a verb, commoning, to preserve and accentuate that it is a process, not a product. When it becomes static, a way of doing things that ought not to be questioned, it loses its juice: it becomes something essentially different.

What has come to my recent attention as a current exercise in commoning is The Working Centre in Kitchener, via Joe and Stephanie Mancini's book describing its five-decade history. (They are/were keynoters in the Housing Summit and their book is available through Master's Book Store.)

The Working Centre is a dense and inter-connected bunch of projects and places that provide the services and facilities that are (or were – it's a changing landscape) necessary to help people contribute to their community as workers. They reclaim the word by defining workers as all who contribute to daily life, with both paid, and perhaps more importantly, unpaid work. Which pretty much means everyone. In another time, we might have used the word citizens instead of workers, but that term has become sullied and exclusionary. At a time when The Economy is so in the forefront of discourse and concern, calling people workers gets our minds to the right place for rewiring.

The Working Centre is managed by what might be called a flat hierarchy. (And yes, I feel your mind reeling at the oxymoron.) Leadership is what you do, not what you are. A person becomes a leader, not because someone made them the boss, but because they were able to collect a group of people/followers who wanted to work with them to accomplish something that moves the community toward what they agree it should be. That is, something that serves the Common Good. Food. Employment. Recycling. Repairing. Housing. Tools…more. As of 2018, when the book was published, The Working Centre owned 18 properties in downtown Kitchener.

But most importantly, the activities provide connection, a recognition that we are all in this together, and a shared intent to do what can be done with the resources available (or acquirable) to make the shared world the best it can be. Small and big at the same time. Broad and deep. Separate and connected. Individual and collective. Present-serving and future-looking.

Many Canadians can remember when commoning was how things happened – shared harvesting, barn-raising, the village school, bartering. It may be time to revisit that wisdom.

points of view

The lost generation

ON THE weekend, after having done nothing wrong, I was sent to the grocery store. Polite society would call this an errand. But, as any male of the species knows, I was sent on a quest. In this case, for a package of roasted walnuts.

In case you have doubts about whether or not it was a quest, consider the following. I was sent to a strange and distant place to search for a mythical creature. Plus, when I finally returned home, after what seemed like many years, I was older, wiser, and had a lot of yard work to do.

It was not an easy quest either. I spent my time wandering aimlessly down every aisle – and often getting hopelessly lost, and I soon came to realize that Jenn might as well have sent me to look for unicorn sprinkles, a bucket of steam, or some other mythical creation.

There was a point in time – shortly after I had found my seventh package of unroasted walnuts – when it became evident that by the time I returned home, my grandchildren would all be grown up with grandchildren of their own.

Loon Tales

Steve Galea

When you are leaving a trail of breadcrumbs as you negotiate a maze of grocery aisles on a perfectly good Saturday, eventually you ask yourself why?

As in, why can't we roast the walnuts ourselves with my new blow torch!

I mean, there are better ways to keep me out of the house for a full day. Tell me to go hunting or putter around in the garage. Ask me to watch a documentary on how palm oil is made. Wake up in the morning and declare that today is the day we celebrate kale.

But roasted walnuts?

Having made a valiant attempt to find them, I now liken the endeavour to pulling a mythical sword from a mythical stone. Sure, according to legend, King Arthur did it. But no one ever talks about how he put his back out in the attempt.

If there was any comfort in this at all, it came only after I recognized that more than half the middle-aged me shuffling past me were on similar quests. I heard one lost soul repeatedly muttering, "Kefir? What the hell is Kefir?"

Another man with hollow eyes was desperately searching for "ethically-sourced, vegan pretzels" and had been for some time, judging by the length of his beard.

There we were, a lost generation, doomed to wandering the aisles in search of obscure products that could not be found.

Worse still, they were too proud to concede defeat – or ask someone else who might point them in the right direction. That last part is built into the male DNA, otherwise some of us would be visiting the Holy Grail in some museum right now.

Fortunately, I was not too proud to concede defeat. Or ask.

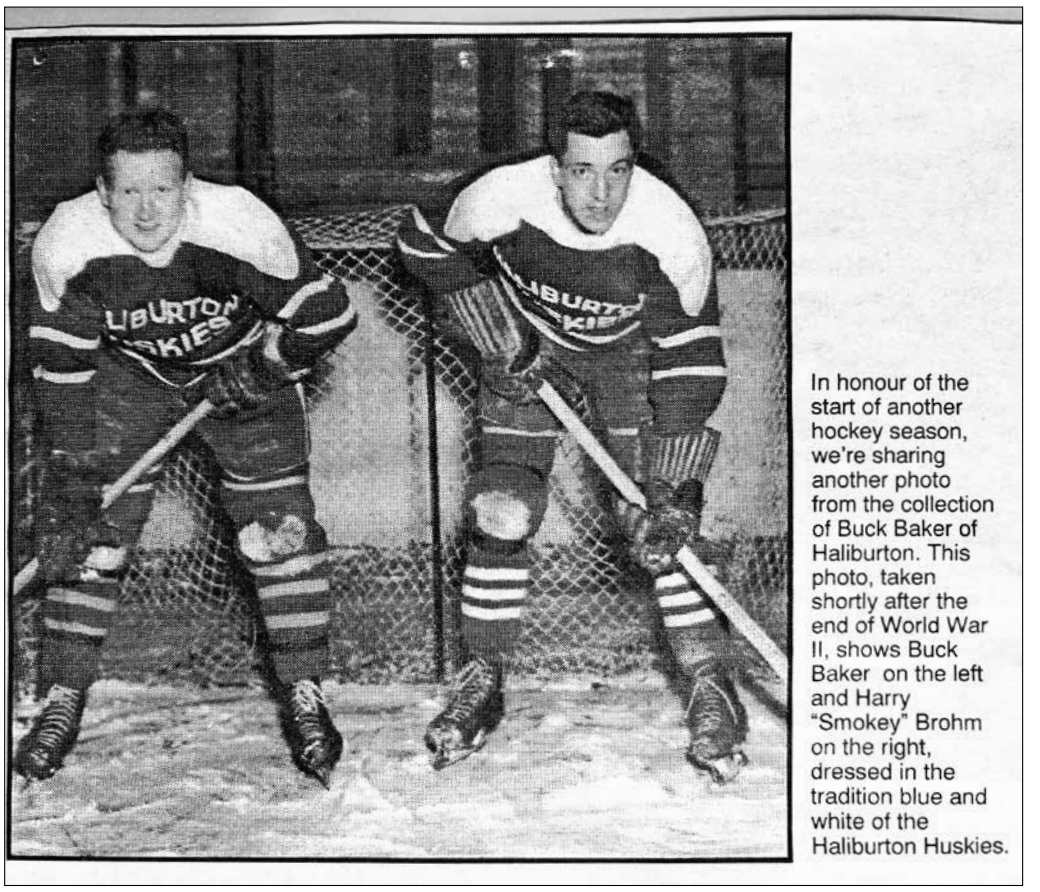
And that's why I was home in less than two hours. Without roasted walnuts.

But as I was leaving, I ran into a fellow I knew.

"My wife sent me to buy me an avocado. She insisted it can't be too hard, but it can't be too ripe either. Any idea, where they might be?"

I thought about it for a minute. Then the answer came to me.

"I'm guessing, they are right beside the roasted walnuts," I muttered.



In honour of the start of another hockey season, we're sharing another photo from the collection of Buck Baker of Haliburton. This photo, taken shortly after the end of World War II, shows Buck Baker on the left and Harry "Smokey" Brohm on the right, dressed in the tradition blue and white of the Haliburton Huskies.

pic *of the* past

Paul Brohm visited the *Echo* office this past week to drop off a clipping he had saved from a newspaper about 40 years ago. The image was taken just after World War II. The man on the right is his dad, the man on the left is Buck Baker - the local barber at the time. /submitted

Gladdening the mind

Being human is work. Every day we are managing our physical, mental and emotional well being. It takes effort to be well and some days it is easier than others. We all have challenges and circumstances that weigh us down. Some of us worry about the state of the world and the fighting, or the environment, or the housing crisis, homelessness, health care, poverty, care for aging parents and I could go on.

There are many complex issues facing us. What I know about myself is that I can wake up in the morning and start worrying right away. My thoughts start spinning and I work myself into a funk before I've gotten out of bed. Luckily I know, after many years, that this isn't personal. This is societal and everyone worries.

Tales from the great Green meadow

Lynda Shadbolt

It's because we care about the present and future generations. When I wake up on such a morning, I know it is time to "gladden my mind". I know that sitting in bed worrying isn't going to help me or the planet, and I know that if I want to help the planet I have to help myself first. So I focus on some positive thoughts to "gladden my mind".

I have been practicing gratitude for years and years. When I wake up I usually name three or four things I am grateful for right away. I say them out loud and say thank you. "I am grateful for the tall trees outside my bedroom window … Thank you." I let the gratitude sink in for at least 20 seconds before I go onto the next statement.

Our brains are hard wired to protect us and so we easily hold onto the negative or fear based stories. We have to work hard to think positive thoughts and to get them to stick because our brain is like Teflon with positive stories. They don't stick as easily as the negative. So we have to marinate our brain in the positive for at least 20 seconds.

We can do this when watching a sunset or a sunrise, or when we listen to children laughing or when we are dancing or making music or outside in nature. We need to really pause and feel the goodness and let the gratitude sink in. Over time it changes our brain. We will become more positive and our worries will shift.

The other thing I do that is really helpful is I have a gratitude buddy who I send a text to at the end of each day. I write three things I am grateful for that day. And she sends me the same thing. We end our day in gratitude. And then, when we are feeling strong and connected, we are able to get involved in our communities and work for the changes we want to help happen. It takes all of us to create a community where everyone can thrive.

Harvest Haliburton's local food forum returns

"An opportunity for all those interested in food – from production and growing to selling and consumption – to come together to discuss challenges and opportunities in Haliburton County"

Harvest Haliburton (HH) is pleased to announce an all-day event featuring multiple aspects of food in Haliburton County – the Local Food Forum will take place on Nov. 7, 2025 at the Pinestone Resort, 4252 County Road 121, beginning at 9 a.m.

"Harvest Haliburton is a not-for-profit grassroots volunteer committee that supports the development of all components of a sustainable food system in Haliburton County,"says Barrie Martin, co-chair of the organization. "We're an initiative of the Haliburton County Community Co-Operative and have been active in local food-related projects in the County since 2008. Our mission and aspects of some of our projects can be found on our website: www.harvesthaliburton.com".

HH is sponsoring this Food Forum to give those that have an interest in a sustainable food system in Haliburton County an opportunity to meet and exchange current information on all aspects of food in the County. The event is a follow-up to a pre-covid event of a similar nature and is an opportunity to bring everyone up to speed on food issues and to learn from contrasting viewpoints.

Committee chair and MC, Andy Gordon (U-Links) notes that the Forum kicks off with welcoming remarks from County Warden Dave Burton, followed by a keynote talk by Dr. Sara Epp, University of Guelph, on aspects of agricultural sustainability in rural communities such as Haliburton County.

The remainder of the day is dedicated to short presentations from a variety of local growers, sellers, food programs and agencies and institutions. Ample time has been set aside for questions and networking.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided to all attendees and will include as much locally sourced food as possible, prepared by local food exemplar, SIRCH.

This event is happening thanks to the support of the Haliburton County Development Corporation, County of Haliburton, Haliburton County Development Corporation, Haliburton Rotary and Canoe FM.

You may register for this event for FREE at www.harvesthaliburton.com where you will also find a copy of the agenda.

Please register for the event so that the organizers can keep track of requirements for food and break items. Should you have further questions or require additional information, please contact Jean Tyler, Forum Coordinator, at 705-457-2214 or via email at harvesthaliburton@gmail.com or jeanandgodfreytyler@gmail.com.

-submitted

Psychic and Mystic Market coming to Castle

THOMAS SMITH

Journalist

Calling all ghosts, ghouls, witches, and warlocks. Get ready to add to your crystal collection and consult a psychic to assist in soul searching at this year's Psychic and Mystic Market.

A first for Haliburton, the Psychic and Mystic Market will be held at Castle Antiques on Oct. 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event was first brought to Anna Schleifenbaum, owner of Castle Antiques, by Andrew and Jennifer Nowell. Andrew and Jennifer are vendors at Castle's regular pop-up markets.

Driving along Highway 35, you have likely seen signs advertising other psychic fairs happen throughout the year in places like Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough.

The market will feature a variety of vendors including a wealth of artisans and crystal sellers. There will also be palmistry sessions available, astrology consultation, tarot readers, and mediums for you to connect with those that have passed on. Schleifenbaum says there will be 16 vendors participating in the market. Some vendors will be local and others will be from the Kawartha Lakes area and across Ontario.

In the past, Castle Antique has hosted other markets. Continuing their offerings of events in October seemed like the perfect addition, says Schleifenbaum.

The market is entirely free to enter. If it is hugely successful, Schleifenbaum says that there is potential to make the Psychic and Mystic Market into a biannual event.

In addition to free entry, there will also be a free draw for visitors to enter. It may be your lucky chance to win a book on tarot and other witchy goods.

As an antique store, Schleifenbaum says that some customers already tell her that there are spirits connected to the objects they sell.

The market will be taking place indoors in their Music Room area. As an indoor event, the market will be running rain or shine.

Castle Antiques is located at 223 Highland Street in Haliburton. Mark your calendars for a day to embrace your witchy side. Take a dive into all things mystical and leave knowing something new about yourself.

Bill McKibben's new book inspires local solar event in Haliburton

Environment Haliburton! is excited to announce a special event inspired by renowned environmentalist and author Bill McKibben and his new book, *Here Comes the Sun*. This timely gathering will explore how solar power and battery storage can help lead the way toward a greener and more sustainable future.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2025 at 7 p.m. The event will be held virtual via Zoom: to join virtually, register in advance at environmenthaliburton.org

Local renewable energy experts Carolina Barberi and Joel Ideson from Haliburton Solar and Wind will be the featured speakers. They will offer practical insights into how individuals and communities can boost energy security, reduce carbon emissions, and transition to clean energy - right here in Haliburton County.

As McKibben and climate scientists worldwide emphasize, solar and wind energy are now the cheapest sources of power on Earth and are expanding faster than any other form of energy in history. If we continue to scale up their use, there is still hope of curbing the rise in global temperatures - an urgent goal in the face of increasing climate extremes.

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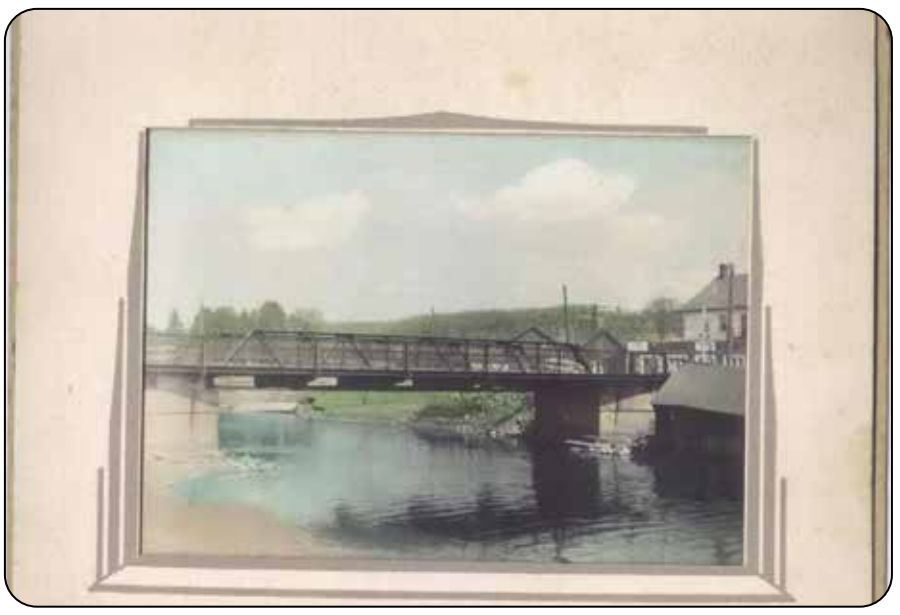
Minden Memories



Sunnybrook Bridge in Minden, connecting the two halves of the community on either side of the Gull River. Often, the bridge is photographed from the other side, but this photo looks like it was taken from the side the River Cone is on today. /Photo courtesy of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre

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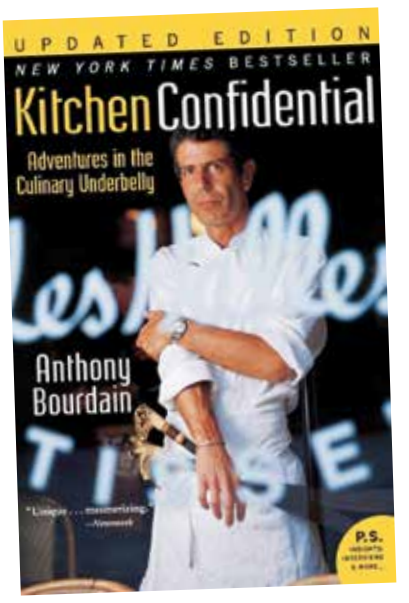
Book of the Week



This widely acclaimed book is Anthony Bourdain's unflinching account of life behind the kitchen doors. Blending memoir with sharp industry commentary, he exposes the grueling, chaotic world of professional cooking—equal parts exhilarating and punishing, and often populated by misfits on the edge.

With dark humour and brutal honesty, Bourdain confesses his own missteps, from drug use to kitchen disasters, while pulling back the curtain on the tricks and truths of the trade. Frank, acerbic, and unforgettable, Kitchen Confidential is both a cautionary tale and a love letter to the messy, intoxicating world of restaurants.

Kitchen Confidential by Anthony Bourdain is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library. To place a hold or learn more, visit haliburtonlibrary.ca.

Singer/songwriter adds colour to the world

How Mimi O'Bonsawin explores her craft

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Editor

Like a butterfly finding its wings, Mimi O'Bonsawin is ever-changing.

The Ontario-based musician is dedicated to evolving in her craft; a passion she has had since childhood. "Apparently I have been a performer since a very young age," she laughed during a telephone interview last week.

And she's only grown since then. O'Bonsawin will be coming to Minden on Saturday, Oct. 25, and will be bringing her eclectic style, whimsical performance, and one-of-a-kind sound to the Highland Hills United Church.

O'Bonsawin is a contemporary roots singer-songwriter from Sudbury, and is mixed French Canadian and Abénaki, a member of Odanak First-Nation. "I grew up in the forest," she said. "I was always outside, and my parents really nurtured that."

By high school, she was producing her first record, based on the stories of her life, her relationship to the land, and the history of her people. Through the poetry of sharing her own stories, she has connected with individuals across the country. "At every show, there is always someone in the crowd that comes to talk to me after," she shared. "No matter where we are, there are really magical connections through music."

And magic, in its own otherworldly way, plays a part in her shows. With bright colours, fairy-like sounds, and even a full drum-kit, O'Bonsawin works to weave a sense of wonderment through her sets. "There's so much magic in the world," she said. "We just don't always see it."

O'Bonsawin hopes to bring that sparkle and shine out into the world through her stories, her sounds, her songs. And with an Indigenous background, she hopes to reconnect with her roots in the process. "We come from a colonized family," she said, noting that historically, there wasn't always pride in their heritage. "But I think it's really magical and powerful to see young people be proud of who we are. I am actively trying to rebuild the bridges of my history."

When asked to describe her style O'Bonsawin laughed. "It took me a long time to find my style," she said, "and I am still learning." She noted that she tends to lean towards rhythm-driven tunes that are earthy and upbeat, with ties to roots, folk, and pop. But again, she is ever-changing and growing, finding new ways to explore her heritage, and connect with her crowds along the way.

Like any skilled musician, O'Bonsawin makes an effort to read the needs of her audiences. While some shows lean towards dance parties and drums, others intricately weave story-telling and connections. While some pieces are from former albums, many of the tunes played at the upcoming show will be featured on her new album.

Musician Mimi O'Bonsawin will be coming to Minden this coming weekend, to share her stories and songs with the community in a colourful and upbeat way. /submitted

O'Bonsawin travels the country with her band-mate and husband, Ryan Schurman, who is on drums and percussion. And according to her, she wouldn't have it any other way. "We get to do everything together," she said, "it's easier to be a unit together."

Mimi O'Bonsawin will be in Minden on Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Highland Hills United Church on Newcastle Street. Tickets can be purchased by visiting www.haliburtonfolk.com.

With a whisper of magic winding its way through the show, as O'Bonsawin finds her wings to fly, she invites all to join in on the ride. "The world can be a really dark place sometimes," she said. "But I've always been drawn to colour, and I want to invite people into my world."

The Festival of Lights, Diwali in Haliburton is back

Dance Happens Here Haliburton (DH3) is partnering with local business people to once again bring Diwali, the festival of light to Haliburton. On Nov. 15 at the Haliburton Legion, we will be celebrating Diwali with delicious Indian food, lively music and dancing.

Local dancer Yasmin Schoenke will perform and will lead interactive dances. Music will be provided by DJ Karim Khimji of Safari Sounds. This event is suitable for adults, youth and children. A simple meal will be provided by Masala Kraft for a true taste of India, including some Diwali treats.

Tickets are $40 for adults, $20 for students and children under 18 are free. Get your ticket early to reserve your spot!

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available online at www.dancehappenshere.com or at Redmans Records.

The universal theme of celebrating the light is found in the traditions of many cultures as we move towards the short days of winter. Diwali, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a major Hindu festival held each fall fostering a sense of unity, love, and gratitude. It symbolizes the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and knowledge over ignorance through various cultural, religious, and social practices It's a time for new beginnings, happiness, offerings of food and Indian sweets, dancing and bringing good luck into your life.

Join us to dance, eat and celebrate the light with the community.

Dance Happens Here Haliburton is a part of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative

For more information see www.dancehappenshere.com - *submitted*

Haliburton Highlands OPP respond to a serious collision on Highway 35

The Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a three-vehicle collision on Highway 35 near Humphrey Road in the Township of Minden Hills.

On Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025, at approximately 5:20 p.m., members of the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment responded to a serious collision involving three motor vehicles. One driver and lone occupant of a vehicle was transported to a Toronto-area trauma center by Air ORNGE with life-threatening injuries. The driver and lone occupant of the second vehicle was transported by EMS Paramedics to a local hospital for minor injuries. The driver of the third vehicle and their passenger were not injured as a result of the collision.

The OPP Traffic Incident Management Enforcement (TIME) team was called in to assist with the ongoing investigation. The highway was closed for several hours but has since been re-opened and cleared of debris.

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage from the area at the time of the incident is asked to contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 1-888-310-1122. To remain anonymous, tips can be submitted to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at www.khcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify in court.

HALIBURTON VILLAGE
SANTA CLAUS PARADE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21st, 2025 ~ 6:30pm
A Canadian Christmas
True North Strong & Free
Merry Christmas
BANDS~ HORSES~MARCHERS~BRIGHT LIGHTS
To enter contact
Jim Frost at 705 457-4031
or jandmfrost@outlook.com
At the Town Tree, there will be caroling at 5:30 pm and Tree Lighting at 6:00 pm
The parade is proudly brought to you by the Downtown Haliburton Business Association and the Haliburton & District Lions Club

HE seeks to recoup some of $16K spent on ice storm clean up

ADAM FRISK

Journalist

The Municipality of Highlands East is seeking to recoup from the province some of the $16,000 of unbudgeted cashflow that was spent following the spring ice storm that crippled much of the county.

The municipality moved forward with an application to the province's Municipal Ice Storm Assistance (MISA) program to recover costs associated with the clean-up following the ice storm that began on March 28, 2025.

The storm brought a significant amount of freezing rain to Highland East, which heavily damaged and toppled trees, resulting in widespread power outages, blocked roadways, and disrupted communication networks.

While the municipality was not as severely impacted as some neighbouring areas, staff reported incurring more than $16,000 in unbudgeted costs for storm-related clean-up efforts.

The Gooderham area suffered the worst impact locally, facing power outages that lasted from three days to two weeks. The municipality's public works crew spent weeks on cleanup. They initially cleared downed trees in Gooderham, then spent many more weeks on roadside brushing and chipping. Crews used an excavator to pile debris and rented a chipper for removal.

Among the costs associated with the recovery efforts include $4,000 for the wood chipper rental, about $1,150 in volunteer firefighter wages, and another $11,000 in excavator usage.

The MISA program offers one-time financial support to cover extraordinary costs, both operational and large-scale capital expenses, that went beyond the municipality's normal budget.

For its part, Highlands East is eligible to be reimbursed for up to 75 per cent of these unbudgeted storm expenses. The municipality must submit the final application package to the province by Oct. 31.

Red Hawks soar at cross country tournament

KAREN GERVAIS

Special to the Echo

Red Hawk runners competed at the Kawartha Cross Country Championships Wednesday, Oct. 15 at Jackson Park in Peterborough. Runners faced a variety of terrain including grass, pea gravel, concrete and rocky and rooted uphill climbs.

Novice Girl Quinn Hamilton continued to assert herself as a competitive force, cruising to a 5th place finish on the 4 km course in a time of 17:50. Teammate Leah Allder, who continues to improve her time every race, finished in 14th.

Novice Boy Alex Lee echoed Hamilton's performance with a 5th-place finish in a time of 15:38. Teammates Duncan Evans-Fockler and Jaymon Bateman were 21st and 23rd respectively, with Bateman dropping another 30 seconds off his pace time for his best race of the season.

Junior Girl Annika Gervais also ran a personal best pace time on the 5 km course for a 4th-place finish in a time of 20:58. Junior Boy Aren Addison also continued to shave off time finishing in 20th followed by teammate Tristan Humphries in 26th.

The Senior Girls team fought hard on the 6 km course with Erika Hoare leading the team finishing 8th in 27:48, closely followed by Violet Humphries in 9th. Ella Gervais and Grace Allder continued to work strongly together throughout the race to finish 16th and 17th. Olivia Gruppe supported finishing 24th and Lexi Dacey followed up in 30th in a field of 52 runners. The girls finished third as a team behind Adam Scott and the strong IE Weldon squad that placed 5th at OFSAA last year.

Athletes compete at COSSA next Wednesday at Dunnett Orchards in Brighton, vying for COSSA medals and OFSAA berths.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students raced in Peterborough last week as a part of their cross country competitions. /submitted

Notice
(Applicant –Weir)

In the matter of the Municipal Act and in the matter of a proposed By-law of the Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East to close, stop-up and convey certain portions of a Shore Road Allowance along the shore of **Salerno Lake**, more particularly hereinafter described.

Notice Is Hereby Given,pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at a virtual meeting on **November 18, 2025**, at 9:30 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 1, Concession V, Township of Glamorgan, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 9 and 10 on Plan of Survey 19R-4530, made by **Bishop & Wilson Ltd.,** completed October 3, 1989.

The Plan of Survey 19R-4530 is available to you for inspection by you making an appointment at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus. If you wish to attend the virtual meeting, please call or e-mail the Municipal Clerk prior to the day of the public meeting so you can be provided with a link or phone number for the meeting. If you do not have the capability to attend a virtual meeting, please provide written comments to the Municipal Clerk prior to the public meeting.

Any person or his or her counsel, solicitor or agent who attends the virtual meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the within matter.

And Take Further Notice that if the public wishes to participate regarding the purchase of Shoreline Road Allowance please contact the Municipal Clerk.

Dated at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 21st day of October, 2025

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Spooky fun returns to Cardiff Community Centre

ADAM FRISK

Journalist

Trick-or-treaters can once again look forward to the Halloween haunt at the Cardiff Community Centre.

The free event, which began in a local driveway just two years ago, has grown into a major community affair, relocating to the Cardiff Community Centre on Oct. 31st.

"We started it two years ago when there was nothing for the kids in Cardiff to do other than go door to door," Crystal Harris said in a recent interview.

Harris and her family moved back to the county from Brampton, bringing along a collection of animatronics that quickly outgrew their home.

"We originally started it in our driveway and then it just got too big," she said. "So we started renting the hall and setting up walls and having people come through."

While trick-or-treating remains a popular tradition in the safe Cardiff community, the indoor event offers an added layer of fun and excitement.

"We kind of hooked up with the fire department," Harris explained. "So the kids go see the firefighters and then they come in and get scared absolutely out of their gourd.

"And then the kids run down the road to go trick or treating," she said.

Harris said while the event is free for the community, people are encouraged to bring nonperishable items for the food bank.

"This year we are going to partner with the food bank," she said. "So if people would like to donate food for the Cardiff food bank, there will be a bin there where they can do that."

The Halloween walk-through runs from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Highlands East in 'very preliminary' stages of new build

from page 1

The deputy mayor suggested installing a railing between the galley and the council table, something that Bell said the schematics could easily accommodate.

In terms of the cost for the proposed building, CAO and Treasurer Brittany McCaw cautioned council that there are only "very preliminary" estimates at this point in time that are at the "high level."

"As Brittany mentioned, we've done a very high-level budget and made two assumptions," Bell told council. "The low cost per square foot at $400 and the high cost at $650, subject to the type of construction chosen."

Bell estimated that, based on the square footage outlined in the schematics, the total cost could be between $5.4 million and $8.75 million.

The estimated cost does not include furnishings, which Bell estimated would be an additional $250,000 to $500,000.

"We just approved today the concept of it. I'm going to assume for the sake of argument that we are going to have a much more thorough discussion on this before we spend close to $9 million," Ryall asked following the presentation.

"We certainly will," the mayor replied. "This is just the beginning."

The council for the Municipality of Highlands East currently meets at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Community Centre in Wilberforce. In addition to hosting the Council Chambers and council meetings, the facility houses several key municipal departments.

As a community centre, the building offers rental halls for weddings and community events such as fundraisers, flea markets, and theatre productions. Recreational activities such as yoga, dance, and karate are also hosted at the facility.

Halloween haircuts and ink for a good cause

ADAM FRISK

Journalist

Haliburton Village residents looking to get a trim or some fresh ink this Halloween can do so while supporting a good cause, thanks to the Noble Barbershop.

Local barber Nick Folco and recently arrived tattoo artist Chris Winterson are teaming up on Halloween to host a flash event fundraiser in support of Heat Bank Haliburton County.

"We do a lot of stuff for the heat bank," Folco said in a recent interview, noting his long-standing commitment to the charity. "I think it's a good thing for this community to have. Heating is expensive, and they help out a lot of people, so it's a good thing to chip in for."

The collaboration will see both artists donating a portion of their weekend proceeds to help locals heat their homes this winter.

"For me, being brand new to the community, it's been such an amazing experience. Seeing the community kind of rally around and get excited about what I'm offering before we even get here," Winterson said

The professional tattoo artist, who made the move to Haliburton from the Kitchener-Waterloo area in July, will be hosting walk-ins at the barbershop on Highland Street both Friday and Saturday. He will be offering brand-new, Halloween-inspired designs on a first-come, first-served basis.

"It's an amazing opportunity to give something back," Winterson said of his new community. "And hopefully build some pretty deep connections."

Folco said he will still be working by appointment on Halloween, but people are welcome to "shoot your shot" on trying to secure a walk-in haircut.

"So pop by. People can always check in," he said.

> *"It's an amazing opportunity to give something back... And hopefully build some pretty deep connections."*
>
> — Chris Winterson

Folco said the shop will have a cash donation jar available at the front for any clients who wish to contribute extra to the cause or for those who might be passing by and want to donate.

The team will be getting into the spirit with shop decorations, and while costumes are still up in the air, the focus remains squarely on raising funds for this essential local service.

Heat Bank Haliburton County is a program of the Central Food Network and serves as a crucial safety net for residents who struggle to keep their homes warm during the harsh winter months.

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Chin Up, Elbows Up, Rise Up – stories of overcoming adversity at the Haliburton International Film Festival

Those Other Movies is thrilled to announce this year's Haliburton International Film Festival (HIFF) on Nov. 7, 8, 9, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton, and at the Highlands Cinema in Kinmount.

After watching over 50 films at Toronto's International Film Festival and Sudbury's Cinefest, the committee is excited about the lineup coming to Haliburton County. The films in this year's line-up tell epic tales and small stories about overcoming adversity and persevering against all odds, with jazz scores flowing through many of our films. Many of the films find ways to make us laugh even while portraying challenges.

We will be showing seven films, opening the festival with Guillermo del Toro's *Frankenstein* at the iconic Highlands Cinema in Kinmount. We are excited about a local connection to this film that we'll be announcing closer to show time. All other films on Saturday and Sunday will be shown at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, four movies on Saturday and two on Sunday.

Here is the line up:

Friday, Nov. 7 at the Highlands Cinema in Kinmount

2 p.m. and 7 p.m.: *Frankenstein* (149'), Mexico/USA, drama/fantasy/horror/Sci Fi with special guests

Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

10 a.m.: *Little Lorraine* (115'), Canada, crime/drama

1 p.m.: *Once Upon My Mother* (102'), drama, France/Canada, subtitles

3:30 p.m.: *DJ Ahmet* (97'), North Macedonia/Czech Republic/Serbia/Croatia, comedy/drama, subtitles

7:30 p.m.: *Youngblood* (105'), Canada, drama/romance/sport with special guests

Sunday, Nov. 9 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion

10 a.m.: *There's Still Tomorrow* (118'), Italy, drama/history/comedy, subtitles

1 p.m.: *Köln 75* (116'), Germany/Poland/Belgium, biography/drama/music, subtitles

About the films:

Frankenstein (149'), Mexico/USA, drama/fantasy/horror/Sci Fi

Oscar-winning director Guillermo del Toro adapts Mary Shelley's classic tale of Victor Frankenstein, a brilliant but egotistical scientist who brings a creature to life in a monstrous experiment that ultimately leads to the undoing of both the creator and his tragic creation. This multi-layered story has a Haliburton connection and will be screened at the Highlands Cinema in Kinmount! We are looking forward to welcoming special guests at this film.

Little Lorraine

After a mine disaster leads to the mine's permanent closure, in Little Lorraine, a small North Atlantic seaside town with a population of 60, many families find themselves without any income. The movie *Little Lorraine* is based on true events and is a cautionary Canadian story showing what can happen when faced with few choices.

Once Upon My Mother (102'), drama, France/Canada, subtitles

When her baby is born with a clubfoot in 1963, Esther promises her son that, not only will he be able to walk, he will have a wonderful life. The story of a mother's unwavering love and devotion for her child as she overcomes physical challenges and social barriers. Her powerful promise drives their remarkable journey through life's ups and downs.

DJ Ahmet (97'), North Macedonia/Czech Republic/Serbia/Croatia, comedy/drama, subtitles

Ahmet, 15-year old boy from a remote Yuruk village in northern Macedonia and his mute brother find solace in music while navigating grief over their mother and a controlling father. Music helps him navigate parental expectations, societal conservatism, and forbidden love for a promised girl. This film was an audience favourite at the Cinefest film festival in Sudbury.

Youngblood (105'), Canada, drama/romance/sport

Follows Dean Youngblood, a hockey prodigy who joins the Hamilton Bulldogs and has to deal with toxic behaviour during his journey to the National Hockey League draft. This intelligent and thoughtful take on masculinity and race is a remake with a different approach from the 1986 film of the same name. Dedicated to original director, Charles Officer. High drama, intense, character focused, not just about hockey but about choices, relationships, power dynamics, systemic issues, and character growth. We hope to have special guests available for a Q and A after this film!

There's Still Tomorrow (118'), Italy, drama/history, subtitles

In this moving drama set in postwar Rome, a working-class woman dreams of a better future for herself and her daughter while facing abuse at the hands of her domineering husband. When a mysterious letter arrives, she discovers the courage to change the circumstances of her life. An Italian box office phenomenon and winner of six Italian Academy Awards.

Köln 75 (116'), Germany/Poland/Belgium, biography/drama/music, subtitles

Köln 75 follows 18 year old Vera Brandes as she defies her conservative parents to organize a Keith Jarrett concert in Cologne in 1975. Despite near failures, the impromptu performance became the iconic album *The Köln Concert*, which went on to become the bestselling solo jazz album – and the bestselling solo piano album of all time.

We are happy to announce a new projector and audio system are in place for this year's festival to improve the viewing experiences.

Thanks to our generous, local sponsors, ticket prices continue to be affordable.

Weekend VIP passes are $65 ($60 for season's pass holders) and are available at www.thoseothermovies.com or cash at the door.

Tickets for individual films are $10 at the door. Single tickets for Frankenstein will be sold in advance - available through committee members, or on-line from our website.

Finally, mark your calendar for our documentary film festival day, Doc(k) Day on Saturday, April 11, 2026

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Honouring Joan and Gary Stoner for their years of dedication to the Minden Community Food Centre

The Minden Community Food Centre recently held a special celebration at the Dominion Hotel to honour two of its long-serving volunteers, Joan and Gary Stoner, for their years of commitment, leadership, and service to the community.

Joan first joined the Food Centre as part of the kitchen crew when meals were being prepared at the Minden Community Food Centre. In 2014, when the organization moved to its current location at 24 Newcastle Street, Joan took the initiative to establish the Clothing and Goods Boutique, a department that became an important part of the centre's operations. Her friendly presence, compassion, and willingness to help every visitor made her a beloved part of the Minden Community Food Centre family.

Gary began volunteering with the Food Bank in 2010 when it was still located on Bobcaygeon Road. Over the years, he played a vital role in countless behind-the-scenes tasks, helping unload deliveries, stocking shelves, and even delivering hampers to those unable to visit in person. His calm reliability became a steady force at the Centre, especially during challenging times like the 2017 Minden flood, when he helped the kitchen crew prepare and serve meals to those affected.

Joan and Gary Stoner are moving from the community, but it was noted that they played a big role in the local food centre while here.

Gary joined the Board of Directors in 2018 and went on to serve as Corporate Secretary and later as Chair of the Board. Under his leadership, the MCFC developed its first Strategic Plan, began pursuing accreditation through Food Banks Canada's Standards of Excellence program, and launched the Community Garden Initiative at the Minden Fairgrounds, offering local residents garden plots to grow their own food and contribute surplus produce to the Food Centre.

The staff and volunteers at the Minden Community Food Centre said goodbye to Joan and Gary Stoner last week, and thanks them for their many years of service. /submitted

Together, Joan and Gary have left a lasting legacy of service, compassion, and community spirit. Their dedication helped shape the Minden Community Food Centre into what it is today, a welcoming place where neighbours help neighbours.

As they move on to the next chapter of their lives, the MCFC family extends heartfelt thanks for all they have done to strengthen the organization and the community it serves.

The staff, board members, and volunteers at the Minden Community Food Bank.

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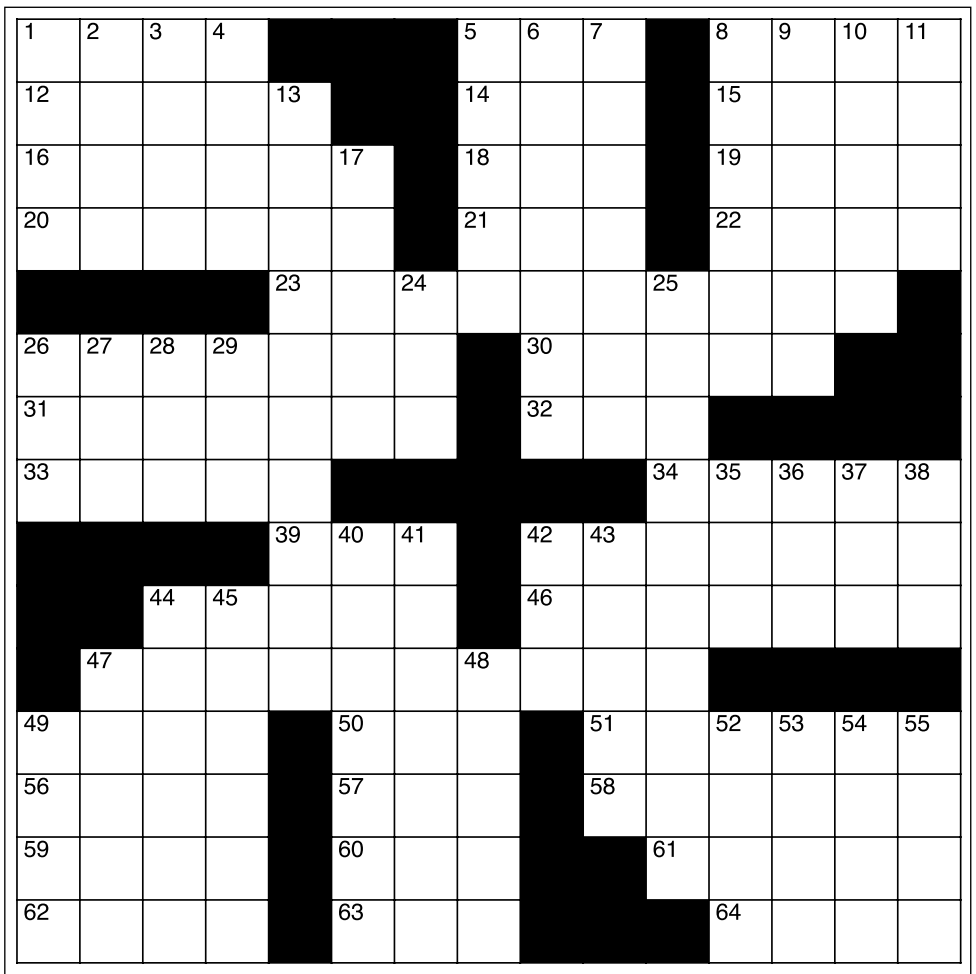

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1. Remark
5. Upper body part
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12. Alternate name
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15. Swiss river
16. Step-shaped recess
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19. Bright shade of color
20. Popular "street"
21. Wrath
22. Heat units
23. Nocturnal omnivorous mammals
26. Fall back into
30. Remove from the record
31. Sound a splash made
32. Popular Dodge pickup model
33. Jamaican river
34. Notable event in Texas history
39. Cool!
42. Subset of Judaism
44. Newly entered cadet
46. Duct in urinary system
47. Exterminator
49. Snatch quickly
50. Have already done
51. Less healthy
56. Therefore
57. What couples say on the altar
58. Mysteriously
59. Look angry or sullen
60. Bird's beak
61. Taco ingredient
62. Square measures
63. Google certification (abbr.)
64. Singer Hansard

CLUES DOWN
1. Pubs
2. Wings
3. Popular BBQ dish
4. Small sponge cake
5. Open-roofed entrance halls
6. Organize anew
7. Type of wine
8. Forums
9. North Atlantic islands (alt. sp.)
10. Pond dwellers
11. Large integers
13. Signaled
17. Brief
24. Type of student
25. Tibetan monasteries
26. Revolutions per minute
27. NY Giants great Manning
28. Local area network
29. Residue from burning
35. Illuminated
36. Vasopressin
37. Notable space station
38. Wood sorrel
40. Adhering to laws
41. Chose
42. Hovel
43. Stood up
44. European city
45. Works ceaselessly
47. Mistake
48. Sun-dried brick
49. Sicilian city
52. A steep rugged rock or cliff
53. Murder
54. Other
55. "Deadpool" actor Reynolds

Answers on page 19

20th anniversary of the Children's Water Festival refreshes stewardship learning with multiple generations

On Oct. 7 and 8, over 800 Grade 4-6 students with their teachers and parent volunteers gathered at the Kinark Outdoor Centre to take part in the 20th Annual Haliburton-Muskoka Kawartha Children's Water Festival (HMKCWF).

Children attending engaged in hands-on fun at 37 activity-based learning stations set up across the site. Elementary schools from across the vast region of the Trillium Lakelands District School Board and families of local homeschooling networks were involved. More than 100 volunteers helped children explore the vital connections between water health, ecosystems, and personal and community well-being through motivational experiences.

The festival, a flagship program of the Haliburton-based charity FEEL (Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning), is organized in partnership with U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research and the Kinark Outdoor Centre. Significant volunteer support came from the high school students in the Kawartha Youth Leadership in Sustainability (YLS) program and Trent University students from the School of the Environment.

This year, 12 community partners, or 'Outside Presenters 'such as: Turtle Guardians, Kawartha Conservation, the Muskoka Watershed Council and the Algonquin Highlands Fire Service greatly enriched the programming through their engaging hands-on activities. Students "soak in" messages on water conservation, technology, protection and science and come to understand that their attitudes towards water matter and that their actions can and will make a difference.

With a 20-year history celebrated this year, many of the 90 parent volunteers helping supervise smaller 'Festival tour groups' of students noted that they were inspired through their initial attendance as school children. With an age range of 13 to 96 years in the volunteers that make the Water Festival happen, diversity is contributing to the sustainability of this program, just as diversified water sources are healthy for communities.

Through the waterheroes.ca website, students can continue their water stewardship journey. Flowing post-festival until the end of April, students can enter the 'Big Splash' contest by sending in water-friendly actions they pledge to do in the year ahead. Donated prizes will be awarded to individuals, classes and schools making inspiring positive impacts on local water systems through their 'Water Hero 'actions.

Larry O'Connor presented at this year's Water Festival, in an effort to connect Indigenous teachings to the day. /submitted

Generous support from a great diversity of individual donors, local businesses and service clubs such as the Minden Water Depot and the Haliburton and District Lions Club made this event possible. This year's 'Watershed' (highest) level funders were the Kawartha Conservation Foundation, Ontario Trillium Foundation, and Ontario Power Generation.

FEEL invites local businesses, organizations and individuals to consider donating at any level to keep our impactful programming flowing. It takes a village!

At our 20th Anniversary Volunteer Recognition Celebration on Saturday Nov. 1 from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Highland Hills United Church in Minden, we'll be acknowledging all supporters, including our 'Groundwater' volunteers and donors- those who have been consistent supporters for the past decade. Curious public is welcome to join present and past members of the friendly community involved with the HMK Children's Water Festival.

About FEEL (Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning)

Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL) is committed to advancing public awareness and appreciation of ecosystems through education. Our flagship program, the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival (HMKCWF), empowers young water stewards and future environmental leaders and addresses the threats facing Ontario's waterways. Since the Festival began in 2005, over 16,000 children have benefited.

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Over 800 students participated in this year's festival, including students from local homeschool groups, as well as kids from district elementary schools. /submitted

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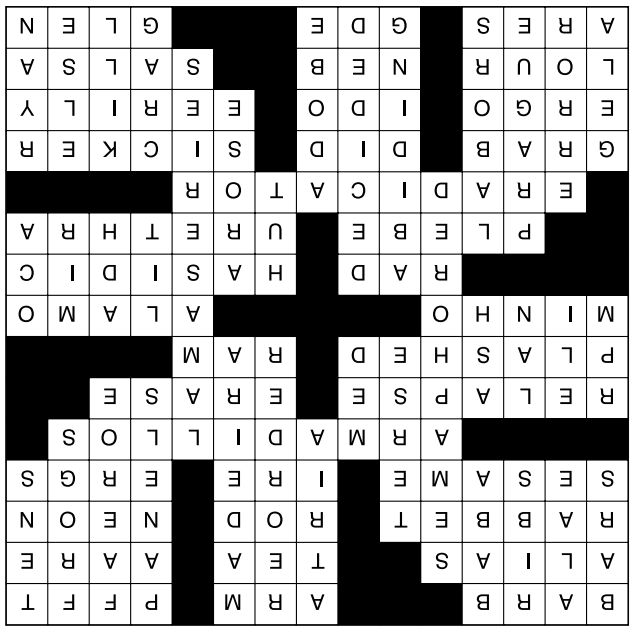

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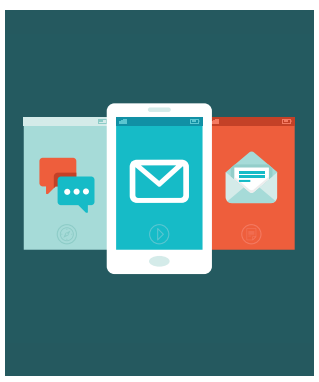

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In Loving Memory of

Lorne Carl Hoppenreys

1942 – 2025

Lorne Hoppenreys, of Okotoks, AB, passed away peacefully at High River General Hospital on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 83. Lorne was born in Cadillac, Saskatchewan, to the late Carlus and Frances Hoppenreys.

Lorne resided most of his life in Ontario, where for 39 years he was with BMO, retiring in 2000. His banking career took him and his family all over Central and Eastern Ontario. Although Lorne spent most of his life behind a desk, his main love was the outdoors. He was most content on the water with a fishing pole in his hand. A love he passed on to his son and grandsons. The summers found him in his boat, jigging for walleye, the winters found him standing on the beach casting into the beautiful Florida saltwater, always smiling in anticipation of the next "big one"!

Lorne leaves behind his loving wife, Lynne; his beloved son, David; his daughter-in-law, Joanne, and their children, Scott and Karlie of Calgary; his cherished daughter, Julie, and son-in-law, Luis Cruz of Orange Beach, Alabama, and their sons, Alex of Cumming, Georgia, and Spencer of Laramie, Wyoming. Also surviving are his brother, Noel, and sister-in-law, Cathy of Moose Jaw, SK, and sister, Vivian Round of Duncan, BC, several nieces and nephews, special friends, Harvey and Peggy Chisholm, Cloyne, ON., and his special granddogs, Winston and Finnegan.

A private family gathering will be held to celebrate Poppa's life. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests honouring his memory with a quiet moment by the water, donating a unit of blood, or giving to Lymphoma Canada.

We extend a special thank you to the staff at High River General Hospital and the High River Community Cancer Centre for their kind and professional care of Lorne. Lorne's life's journey has ended, but his spirit will live on through our memories and our love.

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Zoning change approved for Hwy 35

by Ariel White

Anson, Hindon and Minden council passed both the official plan amendment and by-law to re-zone the Highway 35 corridor to allow further retail businesses to be established along the Highway 35 bypass. There was no one in attendance to object to the change, despite earlier concerns expressed by downtown business owners.

Council held a meeting with local business representatives in late August of this year to discuss their thoughts on the prospect of re-zoning the highway commercial portion of the highway. At that time there was a concerted protest from members of the Downtown Business Improvement Association. However, this presence was not apparent as the zoning amendment and by-laws were passed in front of a virtually empty gallery.

Planning Administrator Sherry Rea was on hand to answer any last minute questions the council had, regarding the specifics of the amendment. She assured council that under the amendment, although retail stores would be permitted, professional offices such as accountants or lawyers, would not be allowed based on the notion that services such as this would be of little interest to the travelling public.

"I don't think it's been an easy time for any of us," said Reeve Jeanne Anthon. "I know I have had many sleepless nights wondering about the implications of this." Sherry Rea replied, "At the same time though, I think that we will have a wonderful opportunity once the highway is done."

The Ministry of Transport has unveiled plans for the redevelopment of the bypass from the County Road (formerly Highway) 121 south intersection

(more on page 3)

While older folks may cringe at the thought of cooler days ahead, for young people, autumn heralds the celebration of Hallowe'en. Along with the many decorated front yards throughout the community, many residents are selecting a pumpkin to transform into the traditional Jack-O-Lantern. Jake Walker, 9, of Minden and Julie Moore, 10, of Haliburton, found themselves in patch of their own this past week when they went looking through the many pumpkins on display in front of Dollo's IGA in Minden.

Bright colours and fine detail make these wood carvings attractive pieces in this year's members' show at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden. Close to 50 local artists and artisans have contributed paintings, carvings, fabric art and work in other media for the display. The cedar waxwing is the work of Grant Plooard while the wood duck was created by Gerald Hicks. Visitors to the show, which continues until October 31, are invited to vote for the best of the show in a number of categories and select the most outstanding exhibit of all.

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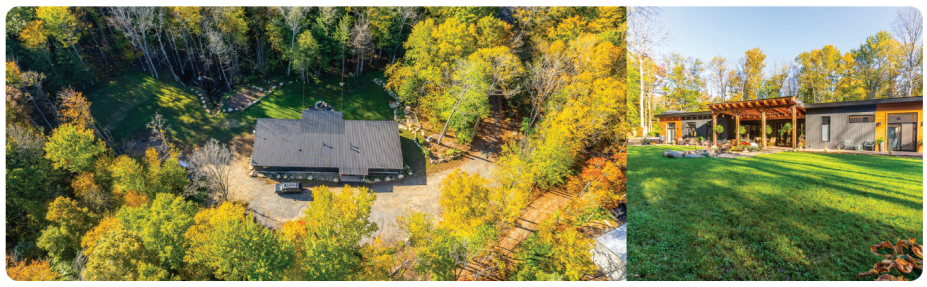

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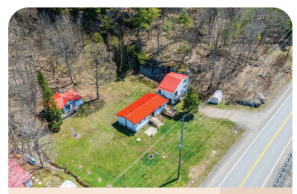

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